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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 341.47 (1) (intro.), 341.47 (1) (a), 341.51 (2m), 341.55 (1) and
2 341.55 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** the display of license plates upon
3 vehicles consigned for sale by dealers, distributors and manufacturers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 341.47 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 341.47 **(1)** (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (2), any motor vehicle, mobile
6 home, trailer or semitrailer owned or repossessed by, or consigned for sale to, a
7 dealer, distributor or manufacturer may be operated on the highways of this state
8 for either private or business purposes without being registered if such vehicle has
9 displayed upon it valid registration plates issued pursuant to under s. 341.51 to the
10 dealer, distributor or manufacturer who is the owner of the vehicle or holder of the
11 repossessed or consigned for sale vehicle and such vehicle:

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SECTION 2. 341.47 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.47 **(1)** (a) Is actually offered for sale by a dealer, distributor or manufacturer, including for sale on consignment; or

SECTION 3. 341.51 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.51 **(2m)** A motor vehicle dealer, distributor or manufacturer, in case of trucks and truck tractors over 8,000 pounds, may purchase a license for demonstration purposes under s. 341.25 to determine the gross weight. Such license shall be is a transferable license for demonstration purposes and shall be 20% of the registration fee set forth in s. 341.25. In case of trailers and semitrailer demonstrations, the license fee ~~shall be~~ is \$10 and shall belong to the demonstrator. Such demonstration vehicles shall carry insurance on behalf of the dealer, distributor or manufacturer and the prospective purchaser as provided in s. 194.41. Such vehicle need not obtain for-hire permits as provided in ch. 194. Such vehicle shall not be used by the prospective purchaser for more than 10 days. When the vehicle is obtained from a dealer the prospective purchaser shall sign a receipt showing the date, time and place the vehicle was obtained from the dealer. The dealer shall retain the original of such receipt for demonstration records and shall furnish a copy and the demonstration plate certificate to the prospective purchaser. The prospective purchaser shall carry such receipt and certificate in the vehicle during operation on the highways, and the dealer shall keep a record of such demonstrations and such record shall be open to inspection by the department. A dealer, distributor or manufacturer may operate on the highways under such a demonstration license a truck, trailer or semitrailer on which is loaded a machine or special equipment if the entire unit is owned by, or consigned for sale to, the dealer, distributor or manufacturer and offered for sale, including for sale on consignment.

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1 by the dealer, distributor or manufacturer and if the operation on the highways
2 involves delivery of the vehicle to or from a prospective purchaser. The department
3 may ~~issue~~ promulgate any further rules to accomplish the intent of this subsection.

4 **SECTION 4.** 341.55 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 341.55 (1) A dealer, distributor or manufacturer or an employee of any of them
6 who operates or consents to the operation of a vehicle under purported authority of
7 a registration plate issued to the dealer, distributor or manufacturer pursuant to s.
8 341.51 when such vehicle is not owned or being repossessed by, or consigned for sale
9 to, the dealer, distributor or manufacturer or, even though owned or being
10 repossessed by, or consigned for sale to, the dealer, distributor or manufacturer, does
11 not come within any of the exceptions listed in s. 341.47 (1) (a) to (d) or is not in
12 compliance with s. 341.51 (2m);

13 **SECTION 5.** 341.55 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 341.55 (2) Any person who operates a vehicle under purported authority of a
15 registration plate issued to a dealer, distributor or manufacturer ~~pursuant to~~ under
16 s. 341.51, knowing that such ~~the~~ the vehicle is not owned or being repossessed by, or
17 consigned for sale to, a dealer, distributor or manufacturer or does not come within
18 any of the exceptions listed in s. 341.47 (1) (a) to (d) or is not in compliance with s.
19 341.51 (2m);

20 (END)